CURIOUS DISCOVERY MADE AMONG THE BLUE RIDGE FASTNESSES.

A True Tale of the Mountains-Extracts from the Story of a Strange Trie in Lebanon County, Pa.-A Pathetle IncidenisThe Forsaken Cabin.

We all tesk station at a little distance from the rickety structure called their home, and awaited developments. Presently one of the female creatures ventured shyly to the open-ing styles the door. The other timidly leaned forward upon her hands and knees and stratched her hand from the side. They looked wild and rude, indeed, and as much cocled wild and rule, messe, and as excited over our presence as if the steps of divisized beings had never before been heard by them. The one standing had eyes glistening black and realing in quick, restless motion, fixed upon the group like two fiery coals. She darted glances as if on the alert best deather groups of her will. for the least doubtful movement of her visi-tors. Her hair of raven darkness stood on end, very like the jumbled mass of a wheat end, very interior junteer mass of a clear sheaf. Never such a lumury at a comb lead been used upon it. Her mouth was thickeet, with strong, broad teeth chowing promi-nently between parted line. Her complexion was allow, with a med turned with large, brown-conted gotters. The other wild creature was somewhat of a different mold. Her hair was light and strangely matted, overeast with a mixture of tints-brown, gray and yellow-caused by the exposure to the sun. Her eyes were blue and deeply retired, giving the expression of a haunted, fright-ened and coldered soul. These were sisters, both challes plain shirts of course material and middly put together. They had no pro-tection for their head nor any for their feet. Their arms were bare and brown and hands coarse whiled, with finger nails protruding like class of wild beasts.

A COADJE WILD MAN. As this mutual inspection of awakened curiosity and fright was exercised before the hut, a structure, wild figure was observed birking in the distance. He trailed his course toward us in quick zig-zag cuts from tree to tree. By the evident emotion of assurance the two sixters expressed over his approach, we concluded this to be their brother, of whom we had heard. Our guide beckened to him and the men went out to meet him. It required special tactics to bring him into conlio awaited his fate, standing in brute simplifity. He was tall and heavily set. His face was flabby and sparsely covered with whishers. His eyes bulged out in bull-dog duliness; his forehead retreated, as evincing the idiot, which he was. His hair was a whiriwind of confusion and his skin, in every part of his exposed body, tinged with the life-color of the hardy mountaineer. He bore with him some tokens of civilized contact, for he had an old "flint-lock" over his shoulder and some game on a spit, which be was about carrying home from his day's exploit, He was put together with an apology of dress not much unlike that of old Rip when awakening from his long sleep. We conxed him to his bounts, where we found that the ladies had fully ingrediated themselves with the wild sister:

only with repeated signs of arrity and good will were we able to draw answers from them, and yet with enough Pennsylvania Dutch in-terspensed to understand the bearings of their answers. They spoke in doleful tones, with eyes cast to the grownl, and their words came like the slow droppings of water from the eaves of a roof. We described many of the most ordinary things in civilized life, but they shook their heads and declared they had never seen nor heard of them. We inquired into their family history. They were able to tell us their names but not their ages nivell was the name of the brother, who lifted his eyes inquiringly to his sister as she men tioned it. We judged his age to be about 50 years. Hannah was the name of the dark female, aged about 55 years, and Mary the name of the light complexioned, aged about 47 years. There were five members in the family, the percents having died some years TO THE OLD HOME.

Hammah led the way to the old home. It was but a short distance from the present site, and convealed entirely behind a thick growth of large and samil' trees. It was the simplest structure imaginable, rising to the height of a man, and in proportion about tiffeen by twelve feet. It had the shape of mess sand the betwie wild profusion. It was plastered on the inside with clay, which lead hardened with time like rock. There was no window within, no opening of any kind to the dark coverned but, save the front oper ture known as the door. Nor did we enter That was a sourced threshold to these unta-tored and understanding being. Hannah's sense of the holy would have been outraged had ever any human foot ventured upon that floor. Her purents died there, and well does she remember the dark days in their history when they carried mother and their father into the valley below. Even in the savage breast can be found the beatings of love and the deep seated instinct of reverence.

In that but lived the Lamb family during

many winters. Since the day the nged par-ents were carried out, dead, Bennivell, Hannah and Mary never entered again to abide there. They declared to us their fear that the spirits of the dead might come back () ngain. A strange tinge of the superstitions entered into their nature. A rudely constructed larrel had somehow found its way hither, into which they present the juice of wild fruit to canke a sour drink we style vinegar. Upon its head was affixed an upright stick, with apples fastened in the shi of a cross. "That," said Hannah, "is to keep out the watches." Dried because of certain portions of wild bears, with good lack feathers of birds, and clougated skelerous of snakes and roots of rare plants were strung upon their bickery whips as charms against the evil spirits of the mountain caverus, and these were the only referements of their present home.

It was inthonted that these wild people had never before heard trusts. After our re-turn a quaint plantation socy soon filed the roof of their hut. Never did the harmony of music fall so strangely upon care as here. The seprence, alto, tenor and bases flowed out upon these woods in weird-like tenes. In the midst of our song Hannah pleaded with us to stop, as she pointed to the timid Mary, eronching in agony within the fireplace. Her large blue eyes were partly covered by her matted bair, thrown forward, and she looked out at us in melting sadness. She interceded Sing not-singing makes people die!" We left. Hannah looked the picture of great re-lief as she watched us from the but making our downward retreat. The poor children of the forest but, thanks, they, too, are blessed with a measure of happiness.—Myerstown (Pa.) Cor. Philadelphia Turos.

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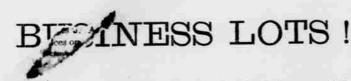
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